

fluid which is to be absorbed by the incontinence shield can be expected to strike the shield within this part 17.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 14 as follows:

--14. (amended) An absorbent product including a liquid-permeable fibrous material outer layer (2), a liquid-impermeable outer layer (11), an absorptive body (12) enclosed between the two outer layers (2, 11), and a liquid-permeable liquid-transferring porous and resilient material layer (3) arranged between the liquid-permeable outer layer (2) and the absorptive body (12), at least one of the liquid-permeable outer layer (2) and the liquid-permeable liquid-transferring layer (3) including thermoplastic material and the two material layers (2, 3) being mutually connected by bonding sites (4) within which the thermoplastic material has been caused to at least partially soften or melt and thereby bond together the two material layers (2, 3), wherein the bonding areas extend in the thickness direction of the material laminate (1) only in a direction through the first material layer (2) and then through at least a part of the second material layer (3), said bonding areas being arranged in two or more groups (5) with at least two bonding sites (4) in each group (5), with the greatest relative distance between two bonding sites (4), which are situated adjacent to each other, in a particular group (5) being less than the shortest distance between the group (5) and its closest adjacent